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TO: SA-E

October 21, 1946

FROM: ICD,

SUBJECT: Definitions of terms

1. In response to your request at the SA-E Staff Meeting on October 17, 1946 during which a draft of suggested definitions of common terms was discussed, a second draft of definitions is hereby submitted. This memorandum presents definitions agreed upon at the last meeting (marked by asterisks) and new definitions suggested for consideration at a later meeting. These suggestions have been discussed with various officers of SA-E and Mr. Donald Edgar of CHG.

*Intelligence information is information, pertaining to foreign areas or governments, which may affect foreign policy or national security.

Assembling is the process of collecting and organizing.

*Evaluation is the process of systematic and critical examination for the purpose of determining usefulness, credibility and accuracy.

Analysis is the process of examination to distinguish component parts.

Correlation (Synthesis) is the process of composing various reciprocal relationships and combining these various elements into a whole.

Interpretation is the process of explaining probable meaning and significance in terms of past, present and predictable factors.

Research is the continuous process of assembling, evaluating, analyzing, correlating and interpreting all available intelligence information.

*Intelligence is the product of timely evaluation, correlation and interpretation of intelligence information.

An Intelligence report is composed of evaluated intelligence information.

Intelligence research is research applied for the production of intelligence.

*An Intelligence Research Report is the written product of intelligence research for the purpose of estimating actual and potential situations.

An Information Note is written intelligence information oriented for an operational need.

An Intelligence Memorandum is the written product of intelligence research applied, generally incompletely, to satisfy an urgent operational need.

October 18, 1946

DEFINITIONS

Intelligence information consists of all data pertaining to foreign governments or areas which may affect foreign policy or national security.

Intelligence is the product of the timely evaluation, correlation and interpretation of intelligence information.

Research is a process of evaluation (selection), correlation (synthesis), and interpretation (analysis) of intelligence information for the production of intelligence.

Evaluation is the process of systematic and critical examination of information for the purpose of determining its usefulness, credibility and accuracy.

Correlation is ~~the~~ ^{in the} synthesizing of information with all available related material.

Interpretation is the determination of the probable significance of evaluated information.

October 17, 1946

DEFINITIONS:

Intelligence: Is the end product which results from a thorough evaluation, analysis and interpretation by competent personnel of the most complete information available on a subject. It may be presented in the form of factual statements, estimates, analyses or forecasts. It is used to determine or influence a course of action and policy or a line of reasoning.

Research: Is the process of evaluating, compiling and analyzing information or a piece of information. Synthesizing the information with all related material available and organizing the factual products in such a way that they may be readily available for use in the creation of intelligence of which such researched information is a component part.

Policy: Is that line of thought or action recommended or determined upon.

From Webster's International Dictionary.

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Research: (1) Careful or diligent ~~re~~search; a close searching; as, researches after hidden treasure. (2) Studious inquiry or examination, specifically and usually critical and exhaustive investigation or experimentation having for its aim the discovery of news, facts of either correct interpretation or revision of accepted conclusions, theories or laws in the light of newly discovered facts or the practical application of such new or revised conclusions, etc; also, a practical investigation of such character, or a book, article, or the like, presenting the investigators, discoveries; as, to give one's full time to research; Pasteur's Researches of Disease Prevention.

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Policy: Prudence or wisdom in the management or public or private affairs; wisdom; sagacity; shrewdness; wit; as, the policy of such a course is doubtful. (4) management; administration, or procedure based primarily or temporal or material interest rather than on higher principles; hence, more or less disparagingly worldly wisdom; as, he allowed policy to outweigh honor. (5). A settled or definite course or method adopted and followed by a Government, institution, body or individual.

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*I recommend sticking to Webster. —
Use the foregoing plus the attached which is
already CIG's official opinion —*

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The following is the only definition in Halaby's paper which was commented upon by CIG to JCS;

Intelligence is the end product of the timely collection, evaluation, correlation, interpretation, and dissemination to the proper agencies of current information from all sources available on matters having to do with the immediate or long-range concerns of foreign or military policy or security. Intelligence may be in the form of factual statements, estimates, analyses or forecasts; it may be verbal or written; it may have internal aspects as it relates to the continental U.S. and its territories, possessions and approaches, and external aspects as it relates to all other countries whose policies or activities may concern the United States.